

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

## PRELUDE

## GREETING/WELCOME

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves.

**Yet we trust in our own works  
rather than in God's grace.**

Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross.

**Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death,  
we cling to what we know.**

Jesus calls us to follow him.

**Yet we fear where faith will lead  
and what it might change in our lives.**

In this moment of silence,  
we confess the sin that separates us  
from one another and from God.

*Silence for reflection & self-examination*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, hear this good news.  
God’s covenant with us is true.  
God is faithful even when we fail.  
Through the Holy Spirit,  
God gives us the gift of faith and makes us righteous.  
Believe in the good news  
that you are set free to live as children of God.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN....."Standing on the Promises".....UMH #374, vs. 1, 3, 4

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC....."Beneath the Cross of Jesus".....Barb Klampe

SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**.....**Bob Hunter**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and

you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**Romans 4:13-25.....Bob Hunter**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Mark 8:31-38.....Pastor Carolyn**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and

began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

MESSAGE....."Right By Jesus" .....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" .....TFWS #2129

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Foxdale Memory Care:** Joe Tollefson

**Lakeshore Inn:** Liz Corchran, Leona Quast

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Michael Schumacher, Janice Kaupa, Peggy Deno, Marlys & Ken Garness, Millie White, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at [faithwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:faithwaseca@gmail.com) by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167. **We also want to hear any joys you have so please email or call the church with any that you would like to share!**

Just a reminder - Stacy's anticipated hours for the week will be posted on the "Week at a Glance" page. Although she is making every attempt to keep consistent hours, it is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

Wednesday evening Lent services will be held each week. All services will be at 7:00pm. Of course, like everything else this year, our Lent will look different because of COVID. We will not be participating with other churches in our community. I wish this were not the case but pray that next year we will be back to normal. I look forward to our shared journey to the cross. Pastor Carolyn

Our Sunday services will begin to be broadcast on the local Channel 8 PEG starting this week. The service will air at the following times:

Tuesday - 8:30 am

Thursday - 4:30 pm

Saturday - 6:00 pm

Sunday - 12:30 pm

Please help spread the word to those who are unable to attend in person worship and are not able to access the service via our Facebook and website pages.

Millie White would enjoy receiving cards. Her address is:

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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02/28/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

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03/03/2021 (Wed.) 5:00 pm – Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)  
7:00 pm – Lent Service

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03/07/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Tuesday: 10:15 am to 12:15 pm

Thursday: 1:30 to 3:30 pm

\*These are anticipated hours. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

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